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Dear Sir:

Re: United States Patent Application 10/824,491
For: VACUUM CLEANER HAVING TWO CYCLONIC CLEANING STAGES
Filed: April 15, 2004
Group Art Unit: 1724
Applicant: Conrad et al

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, and in recognition of the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR 1.56, the applicant hereby submits an Information Disclosure Statement including a listing of patents of which the applicant is aware. In accordance with the requirements of 1.97(b)(1) and (3), this Information Disclosure Statement is filed within three months of the filing date of the application or before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, whichever event occurs last.

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